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1. GENERAL. THE IDEA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN LIMA FROM JULY 24TH THROUGH THE 27TH WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM 16 COUNTRIES IN REGION TWO ATTENDING. PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES WERE THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, BRIG. GENERAL FERNANDO VELIT SABATTINI AND PETER B. BENSINGER, DIRECTOR OF DEA.

INSPECTOR MAYOR ARTIDORO MEJIA HERRERA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PIP, WAS ELECTED AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF IDEA REGION II FOR 1978-79, REPLACING LT. COL. (CARABINEROS) LUIS DUQUE FONTAINE FROM CHILE.

DUE TO ILLNESS IN THE FAMILY, ECUADORIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL MARIO ERAZO DEL CASTILLO WAS OBLIGATED TO LEAVE HIS COUNTRY AND HAD TO POSTPONE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S WORKING GROUP CONFERENCE THAT WAS TO BE HOSTED BY THE GOP AUGUST 14-18, UNTIL HIS RETURN. INVITEES WILL BE INFORMED OF NEW DATES BY THE ECUADORIAN AG OFFICE.

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY THE MULTI-SECTORAL COMMISSION OF
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NARCOTICS BEGAN TO TAKE FORM. THREE MINISTRIES NAMED THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR PROVIDED AMPLE OFFICE SPACE. THIS OFFICE IS STILL IN NEED OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND A BUDGET; HOWEVER, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IS CONFIDENT THAT THESE NEEDS WILL BE PROVIDED. THE COMMISSION IS PRESENTLY PREPARING THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES THAT WILL REGULATE

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THE ACTIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH A LARGE STRUCTURE, APPROXIMATELY 22 KILOMETERS OUT OF LIMA, THAT WILL BE REMODELED TO MAKE IT THE FIRST TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTER FOR NARCOTIC ADDICTS IN PERU. THIS CENTER WILL PROVIDE FOR UP TO 100 BEDS BUT WILL START OPERATIONS WITH ONLY 40-50 PATIENTS, GIVING A COMPLETE SERVICE IN TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION.

2. PROJECTS: ON JULY 26, 1978, THE PROJECT AGREEMENTS WITH THE PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE AND THE GUARDIA CIVIL WERE SIGNED BY THE AMBASSADOR AND THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR. ALTHOUGH THESE AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED, THEY WILL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE GOP INFORMS THE EMBASSY BY LETTER THAT THEY HAVE COMPLIED WITH THEIR INTERNAL LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS; THIS PROCESS WILL TAKE FROM 7-10 DAYS.

DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD THE NARCOTICS ADVISOR HAS BEEN MEETING WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE PERUVIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN CHARGE OF HEALTH MATTERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING A MEMO OF AGREEMENT DESIGNED TO ASSIST IN BRINGING ABOUT MORE MODERNISTIC JUDICIAL PROCESSING OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL OFFENSES, PARTICULARLY NARCOTIC OFFENDERS. AN AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE REACHED BY END OF AUGUST.

TELECOM TECHNICIANS, KATZ AND VASILE, COMPLETED THE SURVEY
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ON PIP AND GUARDIA CIVIL TELECOM EQUIPMENT NEEDS IN JULY. PIO/C'S TO BE MADE AND PROCESSED IN WASHINGTON. THE PIO/C'S FOR VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS, PIP AND GUARDIA, PLUS PIO/T FOR CONTRACTING US REPORTS AND RECORDS TECHNICIAN TO ASSIST PIP, WILL BE POUCHED WITHIN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. STATISTICS: EMBASSY HAS NOT YET ESTABLISHED A PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING STATISTICS ON A MONTHLY BASIS FROM PIP, GUARDIA CIVIL AND OTHER PERUVIAN ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; HOWEVER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT AND TO PROVIDE S/NM WITH AN OVERVIEW ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS, THE FOLLOWING DATA IS FURNISHED:

SEIZURES	HYDRO CLORIDE	COCA PASTE	MARIJUANA
1972	80 KG	186 KG	89 KG
1973	24	305	623
1974	76	245	168
1975	53	400	516
1976	26	1,244	644
1977	85	1,344	1,272
1978			

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ARRESTS	TRAFFICKERS	USERS
1972	378	405
1973	203	516
1974	350	614
1975	708	495
1976	1,124	1,354
1977	1,016	1,406
1978 (JAN-JUNE)	748	564

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	HYDRO CLORIDE	PASTE
1972	94	12
1973	12	23

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1974	09	07
1975	21	27
1976	07	53
1977	05	51
1978	07	08

#NOTE: ARREST FIGURES ARE FOR LIMA URBAN AREA; NO ARREST RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE REST OF PERU. SEIZURES INCLUDES ALL OF PERU. THE POLICE AGENCIES THUS FAR, FOR REPORTING PURPOSES, DO NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN SEIZURES OF COCAINE PASTE AND COCAINE BASE; THEY ADD THEM TO MAKE ONE TOTAL. DECON 12-1-80.
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